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Context Clues: Example

A. Directions: Example clues suggest meaning by giving examples. Definition clues directly tell the meaning of a word. For each sentence: 1) Look for context clues to explain the **boldfaced** word. 2) Circle either “example clue” or “definition clue.” 3) Write a meaning for the word.

1. He was *particular*—for example, he ate only certain foods, wore only certain clothes. (example clue / definition clue)

meaning: _____

2. He was *envious*, or jealous, of his sister’s wealth. (example clue / definition clue)

meaning: _____

3. *Canines* such as poodles, shepherds, terriers, and hounds all share certain traits. (example clue / definition clue)

meaning: _____

4. The rock contained many *hues*, especially red, pink, and gray. (example clue / definition clue)

meaning: _____

5. He helped to *initiate* the project—that is, he helped to begin it. (example clue / definition clue)

meaning: _____

B. Directions: Look at each word and its meaning. For each word, write a sentence using the word and including an example clue.

6. **avaricious** greedy

7. **materials** supplies for making something

8. **pompous** having an overly high opinion of oneself

9. **sardonic** sarcastic

10. **parapet** a low wall along the edge of a roof or balcony
